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On the cover:
Riding the "Tail of the Dragon" through the Smokey Mountains.

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LIKE A KID AGAIN

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
*President,
Western Michigan Region*

I finally made it to the Gilmore Car Museum for their Red Barn Spectacular on August 2nd after numerous past scheduling conflicts. Our region's corral attracted 27 Porsches. I felt like a kid again as Terry Schieble, Rick Riley, Claudio Kaempf and I wandered through the 700-plus cars of all makes and vintages

brought to the gathering by fellow enthusiasts.

A highlight was the starting of a Ford GT-40 J with it's 7-liter V-8 that could be heard throughout the grounds.

Terry was lucky enough to get to sit behind the wheel and was understandably reluctant to climb out. Barb and I were part of an 18-car caravan that enjoyed Scott Kraai's July Dinner Drive, but a wedding in New Jersey prevented us from joining Ben Zeeuw's German Auto Service Open House and Randy and Linda Portoluri's August Dinner Drive. I trust they were great outings.

A wedding will keep me from participating in the Sept. 13-14, Grand Prix of Grattan for a second year in a row (I need to speak with the Social Secretary), but registration has been great; don't miss out on the fun!

Also put Dan and Ren Phillips' September 27th Dinner Drive to Boyne City on your calendar. Please consider entering the IROC-III autocross event sponsored by the Michiana Porsche Club on September 7 at The Tire Rack headquarters in South Bend, IN.

PCA lost a friend with the death of neighboring Rally Sport Region's John W. Melvin, PhD on July 17, 2014. John was known in his region as a founding member, DE instructor, and Safety Chairman of the Rally Sport Region. A research scientist at the U of M Transportation Research Institute and at the GM Research Laboratories at different points in his career, he was a nationally and internationally-known expert in the biomechanics of impact injuries and its application to the protection of vehicle occupants in crashes. He was a consultant for the Indy Racing League, FIA/Formula 1, and NASA and served as technical consultant to NASCAR for racecar safety. He was involved with safety innovations such as the HANS head-and-neck restraint system, seat construction, seat belts, and the SAFER barriers that now line NASCAR and Indy car tracks. I regret I didn't know John personally, but value greatly being affiliated with a marque and club that attracts such members.

See you soon! — *Mike*

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IROC III · THE SEASON FINALE

HOST: MICHIANA PORSCHE CLUB

Participate in the longest running inter-regional event in PCA's history. 8:30 AM - Noon: Set cones and walk the track, drivers meeting, run groups, lunch on your own. 1 PM - 3 PM: run groups and awards. Beginners & all skill level are welcome. Loaner helmets are available. Experienced members will gladly ride along with beginners. Join the fun and hone your driving skill in a safe and controlled environment. \$35 for the day.

Where:

The Tire Rack, 7101 Vorden Parkway, South Bend, IN

When:

Sunday, September 7, 2014 · 8:30 AM — 3:00 PM



SEPTEMBER DINNER DRIVE

HOST: DAN & REN PHILLIPS



With the summer driving season coming to an end, join us for one last warm weather rally up north before the leaves begin to fall. We'll begin at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Acme, MI, leaving the grounds at 11:15 am. Upon launch, we'll retrace some of the routes from last year's Inland Lake Tour, part of Porsche Parade 2013.

The roads we'll cover are some of the most beautiful in Michigan, winding around Elk Lake, Torch Lake and Lake Charlevoix. Our trip will last about 1 hr 45 min., including a 15 min. pit stop mid-way through, and will end in the heart of Boyne City, at the wonderful Cafe Sante, located at 1 Water Street.

Cafe Sante serves a great menu of casual European and American favorites and has outstanding views of Lake Charlevoix.

If you're planning on spending the night (and have a little bit of Parade nostalgia) why not make it a weekend at Grand Traverse? If you stay Friday night, you can walk out the door to our meeting location in the morning, and be home by sun-down. Or you could drive up in the morning and stay Saturday night, you'll have the rest of the day after our late lunch to enjoy the area. You could even make it a day trip ... albeit with a lot of driving!

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, September 24th to Dan Phillips at dphil66@hotmail.com or (616) 281-2459.

Food & Lodge Info:

You can reserve rooms at the Grand Traverse Resort by visiting: <http://www.grandtraverseresort.com>
Information and menus for Cafe Sante can be found at <http://www.magnumhospitality.com/cafesante>

Where: Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Acme, MI

When: Saturday, September 27th, 2014 · 11:15 am

GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN

HOST: TED BLACKLIDGE · PROMO PHOTOS BY BOB MALONE



The mission and purpose of this Driver's Education event is to provide a structured and controlled teaching and learning environment. The DE is designed so that participants can improve their driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety. Even if you're not driving at this exceptional event, it's a great chance to see Porsches driven as nature intended. Come see your friends and join us for the trackside banquet on Saturday night.

This adventure can become very addictive. We will teach you to drive your Porsche the way Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen designed it to be driven. Grattan is one of the finest road courses in America. It's located only 20 min. north-east of Grand Rapids. The two-mile course is a complex assortment of almost every conceivable corner imaginable with changing elevation. The track provides a perfect opportunity to learn what you and your car can safely do! Saturday & Sunday will be Driver's Education with full instruction and professional corner worker support. Novices will begin the day on Saturday with Driver's School before starting the track activity with their assigned instructor. On Sunday we will drive all day. In response to many requests for more track time we eliminated the timed runs. During lunch, on both days, we will have low speed touring around the track. Cost will be a \$20 donation which will go 100% to our WMR charity. Lunch will be available at the track on both days. Our car club has been conducting driver education events for well over 30 years. Our motto was, is and will be to have fun, but safety, always comes first.



Where:

Grattan Raceway · 7201 Lessiter Rd. NE,
Belding, MI 48809 · Phone: (616) 691-7221

When:

Saturday 09/13/2014 and Sunday 09/14/2014,
from 8:00 AM to 5 PM, both days

AUGUST EVENTS IN REVIEW

BY AMBER DOOR, RANDY PORTOLURI, BEN ZEEW

Red Barns Spectacular Porsche Car Corral —

The 2014 Red Barn Spectacular was just as the name says - Spectacular. With picture perfect weather and a reported 700 participating cars, boats and campers and open barns housing a world-class collection of cars and car memorabilia, the event did not disappoint.

The PCA Car Corral and welcome tent had a prime location on the north end of the main exhibition grounds and hosted 27 Porsches from 3 PCA regions. The corral tent welcomed several new members, region members that have not participated in any events, as well as some prospective new members, not to mention the gaggle of us WMR PCA event “frequent flyers”.

The Corral tent also provided a great home base for the participants to find shade and have a seat throughout the day to spend time with old and new friends alike. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us next year on August 1, 2015. — *Amber*

August Dinner Drive — The arrival of exactly 4:30 pm on a fine Swiss time piece, marked the start of a 15 car Porsche fleet, setting its sights on one of West Michigan’s culinary secrets: Grill One Eleven. After an invigorating cruise through the hills of Ada, one fateful decision led to an unexpected “detour” and probably created a legacy moment to be held dear, rubbed-in, for years to come. 32 club members finally gathered to enjoy the perfect mix of friends, food, drinks and car stories. — *Randy*

German Auto Service Open House

All of us at German Auto Service would like to thank the participants and spectators, who attended our annual Open House and Car Show this year. We were pleased to have such a large showing of Porsches. The weather was beautiful, the cars on display were diverse and well prepared, the turnout was outstanding and we went through all 150+ Bratwurst sausages. I think the best part was the great attitude maintained throughout the day. Everyone I spoke with, was very complimentary and seemed to be having a great time. Thank you for a wonderful time, see you next year! — *Ben Zeew*



Top: Our club's front row display at the Red Barns. Bottom: Dinner Drive and Open House ambiance. — Photos by Amber Door and Michael Murphy



2014 EVENT CALENDAR



WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-08	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	09-13 through 09-14	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
	09-27	Sept. Dinner Drive	Boyne City, MI	Dan & Ren Phillips
	09-19 through 09-21	Driver Education Event This event has been cancelled by the organizer(s).	Gingerman Raceway	South-East Michigan Region PCA (SEM)
OCT	10-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-11	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	Duane & Brenda Weed
NOV	11-03	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-06 through 11-09	PCA Escape 2014	Orlando, FL	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	TBD	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	W. & Miluzka Bubeck
DEC	12-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-06	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss

MOTORSPORT EVENTS CLOSE TO HOME

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-07	IROC III	The Tire Rack, 7101 Vorden Parkway, South Bend, IN	Michiana Porsche Club
	09-13 through 09-14	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge

For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit <http://www.pca.org/club-racing>
 For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit <http://www.pca.org/activities>



Thinking about hosting an event? Have a brilliant event idea?

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact your WMRPCA Officers. We can help you work through the details. For example: Driving Events require insurance, etc.



AROUND THE ZONE

BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Michael Soriano
Zone 4 Representative,
Porsche Club of America

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members, As I have been logging many miles visiting a number of regions, I continue to be impressed everywhere I travel throughout the zone. In the past few weeks I have travelled extensively. I was invited to Tire Rack's exceptional facility located in the Michiana region.

After a full day, a few of the region officers took me to an authentic Austrian restaurant for dinner complete with lederhosen and schnitzel.

I attended Allegheny region's biggest event of the year: The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, which is 1 of only 2 vintage races that occur on public streets in the world, the other being in Monaco. It is a multi-day event that included a kick-off party for visitors from out of town, an international car show, catered meals and some great prizes. Sunday's beautiful weather brought out record attendance with nearly 150 Porsches in the corral. I travelled to Indianapolis for the 2nd Porscheplatz in our zone, which was being held in conjunction with the Brickyard Grand Prix. PCA members from several regions were treated to a day full of exciting races in a beautiful hospitality suite at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, featuring a discussion with the Porsche Factory and Team Falken drivers moderated by Fox Sports' Bob Varsha.

In addition, attendees were provided a delicious catered lunch courtesy of Tom Wood Porsche whom I would like to thank for their generous contribution. The Porsche car corral contained a nice variety of models. I also attended the Zone 4 Car Corral at the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's. This is one of the country's best concours events featuring a world class exhibition of classic, rare, and magnificent automobiles. It was great to have the opportunity to hold our own Zone 4 concours on the site of such a prestigious event.

A great deal of hard work goes into making these events the successes they are, and to all of the volunteers I want you to know that your efforts are not going unnoticed. One of the goals I set out at the Presidents' Meeting in March was to have Zone 4 regions begin to join forces and work together cohesively in order to provide even more opportunities for everyone to be able to enjoy our favorite cars. The hospitality and camaraderie displayed at these events confirms that we are on the right track. As I attend each event, it has been very rewarding to meet members from a variety of regions from throughout the zone.



September is a great month for us Western Michigan PCA members to log some fun-filled miles with our Porsche cars. Car Shows, scenic Dinner Drives and thrilling on and off race-track excitement. Just take a look at the event calendar and this month event promos. — Photo by Scott Kraai

As we continue to enjoy our very busy driving season, there are a number of wonderful events being offered throughout the Zone. Please remember to check your region newsletters, websites, and emails as well as the Zone 4 website for the most up to date list of events available to you.

I hope you will expand your horizons and travel to some of the outstanding events being held throughout Zone 4. — Michael



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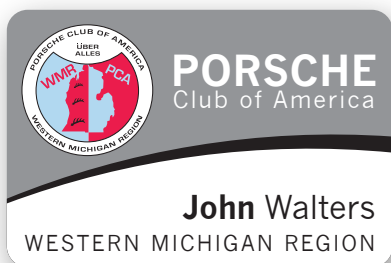


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PORSCHE TRIVIA CHALLENGE

This month I thought we'd take a break from the tech issues and enjoy a friendly game of Porsche Trivia. For instance, what West Michigan Region PCA member has the most miles on his/her car regardless of age or model? Answer: We're betting that it's Steve Lock. Steve has a '79 911 with 240,000 miles on it and to make that even more impressive, the motor has never been apart. If you can beat Steve's record, please let us know.

If you know of a good trivia fact/question regarding one of our members and their car, please send it to us and we'll put them all together and have some fun.

In the meantime, we thought you might enjoy having a Porsche Trivia Contest using an online trivia test. The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 Gift Certificate from Pelican Parts which will be presented at Winterfest.

The Rules for the Challenge:

- Honesty. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. We realize that you could Google the answer but that would only take the fun out of the game.
- Take the online quiz one time only.
- Submit your results to: admin@euroautowerks.com by December 31, 2014.
- In the event of a tie, members will be given a tie breaker at Winterfest to determine the final winner.
- Have fun.

If you'd like to take the challenge, follow the link below.
www.funtrivia.com/trivia-quiz/World/Porsche-History-208506.html

IF YOU KNOW OF A GOOD TRIVIA FACT/QUESTION REGARDING ONE OF OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR CAR, PLEASE SEND IT TO US.

This Month's Porsche Trivia...

In what country did the Porsche crest originate?

Be the first to send us the correct answer and receive an honorable mention in next month's tech column.



WMR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 2014

Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids August 4, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:06 pm.
Members present were: Mike Karluk, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Wolfgang Hofmann, Joyce Lo, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge, Rick Riley, Charlie Dunn, and Arnie Axelrod.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 270
Affiliate Members: 190
Total Members: 460
New Members: 4
Transfers In: 1
Transfers Out: 0
Non renewals: 2
Renewals: 19

Minutes: Minutes from July meeting approved.

Insurance Report: No current needs.

Über Alles Editor's Report:

Latest issue was submitted to the printer timely, but it appears there was a delay as some have not yet received it. Wolfgang will follow up with the printer. Very pleased with the articles and photos he's been receiving.

Webmaster's Report: Nothing new to report.

Social Media Report: Joyce is now one of the administrators of our Facebook page. She encourages members to post photos to the page. Metrics for IROC - we reached 359% from the week before by posting to other regions/clubs Facebook pages.

Old Business:

- Wednesday Night Cruise-in, Gilmore Car Museum: good turnout - about 15 participated
- July Dinner Drive, hosted by Scott Kraai: 38 participants - good time had by all.
- Red Barn Spectacular, Gilmore Car Museum: beautiful day, enjoyed by all. One of the largest Red Barn Spectaculars they've had. WMR PCA had 27 cars (and great cookies!).
- IROC I: 31 participants (every MI region was represented), 7 from WMR

New Business:

- IROC III, South Bend IN (Michiana Regions) - September 7.
- Grand Prix of Grattan - September 13 and 14. Approximately 42 signed up with 19 students. Planning has been going smoothly. We may have shirts.
- Dinner Drive, hosted by Dan & Ren Phillips - Boyne City. More details to follow.

Meeting was adjourned 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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Congratulate these fine folks on their Western Michigan Porsche Club Anniversaries and extend a warm “Willkommen” to our new members.

Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

- 1 year Bob Baker & Kimberly Fletcher,
- (2013) Len Crandall, Jeff Jeffreys,
Steve & Sue Rathford,
Brian & Kris Rieck
- 10 years Jim & Helen Owens
- (2004) James & Kimberly Stubbart
- 15 years Michael Mohr, (1999)
- 25 years Allen & Gayle Nelson, (1989)

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